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THE LONGSTREET NEGROES INDICTED

GRAND JURY RETURNED TRUE BILLS AGAINST THE THREE NEGROES WHO KILLED COND. HARRISON.

Finger Brothers Lose Suit Against Donoghue & Dee—Other Cases Disposed of During First Week of Circuit Court.

The first week of the midwinter term of the Circuit Court ended yesterday, and notwithstanding the fact that the proceedings of the court have on several occasions been interrupted by political speakers, quite a lot of important business has been transacted.

One of the first official acts of the grand jury was to return indictments against Mose, Sam and "Hatchett" Longstreet, the three negroes who killed Conductor Harrison, of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, at Crawford on last Christmas morning. As the readers of The Dispatch will probably remember, these three negroes were captured near Hattiesburg about two weeks subsequent to the killing, and were taken to Jackson for safe-keeping. As soon as the Lowndes county grand jury returned indictments against the negroes, Judge Cochran gave to Deputy Sheriff B. D. Ervin an order on Sheriff Ramsey of Hinds county, instructing him to turn the three negroes over to the Lowndes county official. Armed with this order and accompanied by Constable Loftis, Deputy Sheriff Ervin left for Jackson Wednesday, and the two officers returned to Columbus on the following day, having in custody the three men charged with the crime. The three negroes were arraigned before Judge Cochran on Friday afternoon, and through their attorney, Mr. L. D. Landrum, plead not guilty to the charge of murder. The hearing of the case is set for tomorrow.

Quite a lot of the court's time last week was consumed in the trial of the case of Donoghue & Dee vs. Finger Brothers. The plaintiffs last July closed up the "Kandy Kitchen," an establishment operated by Finger Brothers, on an attachment for \$202.73, which amount was due them for goods furnished, and the defendants, in resisting the attachment, filed a cross-bill claiming punitive damages in the sum of \$2000. The suit was filed last summer, and was to have been heard at the September term, but was continued until the present term. Messrs. Donoghue & Dee were represented by Col. T. J. O'Neill and Messrs. Cayce and Findley, while Messrs. Orr and Harris appeared for Finger Brothers. After hearing the evidence and listening to argument by the attorneys on both sides, the jury returned a verdict granting Messrs. Donoghue & Dee the full amount sued for and refusing to award the damages prayed for by Finger Brothers.

The other cases which attracted public interest that were heard last Friday were those of Messrs. F. M. Jacob and D. S. McClanahan vs. the Columbus Underwear Company, Mr. Jacob having sued for \$269.70, while the amount of Mr. McClanahan's claim was \$500.10. The plaintiffs in both cases were represented by Hon. J. T. Harrison, while the three local banks, which as claimants of the property resisted the suit, were represented by their regular attorneys, Col. Wm. Baldwin having appeared for the First State Bank, Gen. E. T. Sykes for the Columbus Insurance & Banking Company, and Messrs. Betts and Sturdivant for the Merchants & Farmers Bank. In both cases the plaintiffs were victorious, each having been awarded judgment for the amount claimed.

The grand jury, which has been in session since Monday, took a recess Friday afternoon, and will reconvene Monday morning. The body inquired into the case of Will Lee, a negro who was in jail on the charge of having killed Sid Neville, who was found dead in front of his house on the Pickensville road several months ago, but could not find sufficient evidence on which to base an indictment. Lee was accordingly released from prison.

During the time that the grand jury has been in session fourteen true bills have been returned.

In the court proceedings published in The Dispatch last Wednesday it was stated that the case of Martha Ann Matilda Beatty vs. the Southern (Continued on Page Eight)

WILL INVEST ONE-HALF A MILLION

INTERNATIONAL LUMBER COMPANY WILL INVEST LARGE SUM IN GIGANTIC LUMBER DEVELOPMENT.

Company Has Recently Purchased an Immense Tract of Land in this Section, and this City will be its Headquarters.

A deal was perfected last Friday by which Columbus secures a gigantic enterprise, an industrial plant that will cost one hundred thousand dollars, will employ hundreds of laborers, and will have a weekly payroll running well into the thousands. The concern in question is the Interstate Lumber Company, which has its headquarters in Pennsylvania and which has a capital of three millions of dollars. This company recently purchased an immense tract of land in this section, the deal having been engineered by Mr. John A. Stinson, Mr. H. Rehtin and Dr. J. D. McCullough, and the mill to be built here will be used for working into the finished product the timber which this vast body of land contains.

Ever since the timber deal was consummated, the Progressive Union and a number of enterprising citizens have been in correspondence with the officials of the concern in regard to securing the large mill, which they knew would be built in some place adjacent to the timber, for Columbus. Their efforts have at last been crowned with success, a deal having been closed on Friday whereby the company agrees to erect its mill here. The plant will be located in the northeastern suburbs of the city, a tract of land for the purpose having been purchased from Mr. Jno. A. Neilson. This tract embraces about fifty acres, extending from the northern boundary line of Lake Park along the banks of the Loxapallia to the Jamieson bridge. This is an ideal site for the mill, as the Southern Railway passes through the land, while the proximity of the Loxapallia makes the floating of logs on that stream from the forests to the plant in every way practicable.

Most of the land owned by the company, which in all is about twenty thousand acres, is located in Lamar county, Ala., and a railroad about thirty miles in length will be built through the heart of the forest, intersecting the main line of the Southern Railway at Steenston. It is understood that the concern has entered into a traffic arrangement with the Southern whereby its log trains will come from Steenston to Columbus over the tracks of that line. Every stick of timber that is cut will be brought to Columbus and will here be sawed and worked up into the finished product, ready for shipment. The general offices will be located here, and this will be the initial point of all shipments.

This industry is the largest that has ever been secured for Columbus, and both the Progressive Union and the public spirited citizens who have worked so valiantly to that end are to be congratulated upon the success which has crowned their efforts. The establishment of this vast enterprise means that there will spring up in the northeastern part of the city a compactly built settlement, which will be just as prosperous as the section known as East Columbus. The past year witnessed a slight depression in local commercial and industrial circles, but the crisis has passed and the future of the city is assured.

An Alarm of Fire.

The fire department was called out about seven o'clock Friday night by an alarm which was turned in from the Third ward, and was caused by a blazing sage field in the Hill bridge neighborhood outside the city limits. The hose wagon went as far as the corporation line, but returned to its headquarters as soon as the nature and location of the fire were ascertained.

Miss Anice Shelton spent Thursday in the city as the guest of Mrs. T. O. Burris en route to her home in Birmingham. She left for her home on Friday, and was accompanied by Mrs. E. W. Burris, who will visit her for a few days.

Mr. Sam Rosenbaum, who has been spending the past few days in the city visiting his cousin, Mr. Henry Kaufman, left for his home in Gadsden, Ala., on Thursday.

POSTOFFICE SITE STILL A SECRET

SECRETARY SHAW SAYS THAT SITE WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

In the Meantime Citizens are Invited to Write Secretary Shaw and Express Their Preference Regarding Location.

Postmaster Wood is in receipt of a letter from the secretary of the treasury at Washington stating that the site for the Federal building to be erected here will be decided on Thursday, February 21st. In the meantime the matter is open to discussion by the people, and the secretary invites the citizens of Columbus to write the department and express their preferences regarding a site. He assures them that all letters received will be carefully read and duly considered, and that in the final selection of the site due regard will be given the preference of the people, as expressed in these letters.

Not in many years has there been a question which so universally interested the people of Columbus as the selection of a site for the proposed Federal building, and Secretary Shaw will doubtless receive numerous letters setting forth the advantages and urging the claims of the various sites that have been offered the government. For the information of the public, it is pertinent to state that all letters on the subject should be addressed to Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, Washington, D. C.

The fact that a great manufacturing enterprise has been secured for this city in the past week and that others are about to be reorganized and started again has had a fine effect on the real estate market, and as a result there has been a fine demand for good property, and where offered at anything like a bargain there have been eager purchasers. The past year the closing of the factories here has demonstrated that Columbus is not entirely dependent upon her factories for the stability of her values, and this fact has done more than anything else to inspire confidence in the local situation. Shrewd buyers are buying now before the advance comes, a number of sales having been made the past week.

Mr. Lee Pistole, of Mobile, has been spending the past few days in the city as the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. W. E. Kennedy.

Dr. J. B. Long, of Pickensville, was in the city Thursday.

WORK BEGINS AT SOUTHERN SHOPS

WAREHOUSE, OFFICE AND OIL HOUSE NOW BEING BUILT, WITH ROUND-HOUSE IN CONTEMPLATION.

Company Will Erect Round-House With Stalls for Twelve Locomotives.—All Repairs will Be Done in This City.

Work on the new buildings that are to be erected at the local shops of the Southern Railway has begun. A warehouse and office building and an oil house are now in course of construction, and arrangements are being made to build a round-house, on which work will probably begin at an early date. The building which is to serve as an office and warehouse combined is eighty feet long by thirty feet wide, and in addition to an office for Mr. Lambert, the local master mechanic, will contain a storage room for supplies. In this storage room will be kept not only bolts, nuts and other small articles used in repair work, but lanterns, links, pins and other supplies used in the train service. Columbus will be the headquarters for the Greenville division and supplies of every kind will be disbursed from this point. The warehouse and office building is a frame structure, but the oil house is being built of brick. The dimensions are twenty-two by thirty-two feet, and it will be two stories in height.

While the officials of the road, who are always reticent regarding matters of this kind, will give out no definite information concerning the erection of a round-house, it is learned from outside sources, which are believed to be thoroughly reliable, that the company will soon begin the erection of a round-house, which it is understood, will have accommodations for twelve locomotives and will occupy a site just north of the building that is at present used as a machine shop. It was first proposed to erect the round-house in the grove southeast of the train dispatcher's office, but when President Finlay and several of the prominent officials visited Columbus about ten days ago and looked the ground, they expressed themselves as favoring the first mentioned location, as this site is already surrounded by tracks, while to erect the round-house elsewhere would necessitate the expenditure of quite a nice sum of money in laying additional tracks. Several days after the visit of the executive officers, Master Mechanic Blue was sent here to view the situation, and he declared the site selected by his superior officers to be in every way suited to the requirements. (Continued on page eight.)

JUDGE JEFF TRULY DELIVERS ADDRESS

THE CANDIDATE FOR GUBERNATORIAL HONORS SPOKE AT COURTHOUSE IN THIS CITY WEDNESDAY.

Was Introduced by Hon. J. I. Sturdivant, who Eulogized Him Very Highly.—The Address was Favorably Received.

Judge Jeff Truly, candidate from Jefferson county for governor, delivered an address at the courthouse on Wednesday morning last, and the exhortation was listened to by a large and rather demonstrative audience. Judge Truly was introduced to the audience by Hon. J. I. Sturdivant, who was unstinted in his application of encomiums. He eulogized Judge Truly as a lawyer, as a circuit judge, as a justice of the supreme court, and as a friend of every good cause. Judge Truly is a facile speaker, and his address was cogent, erudite, logical. He reviewed at length the issues of the impending campaign, and made plain his attitude on every important question now before the people of the State.

Judge Truly said that he did not share the opinion of some of the candidates, who maintain that platforms are constructed merely as a means of attaining to office, only to be abandoned after the office has been secured. Beginning with the question of public schools, he said that he was in favor of liberal appropriations for eleemosynary institutions of all kinds, and took occasion to remark that he had always been a staunch friend to the Industrial Institute and College. Passing on to the common schools, he declared himself to be in favor of a change in the manner of the apportionment of the State school fund, saying that the fund should be distributed in such a manner that the public schools in all the counties would remain open the same length of time each year. As far as the education of the negro is concerned, Judge Truly said that he favored instruction along industrial rather than classical lines. He said that every negro should be taught a trade, as members of the race are better qualified to become good brick masons and good carpenters than they are to become doctors, lawyers or scientists.

Touching the question of railroad reforms, Judge Truly declared himself to be in favor of the existing laws. He said that they should be given more power and should be willing to tax the railroads in accordance with the value of their franchise and their earning capacity, rather than upon the actual property which they own within the borders of the State. As an illustration he presented statistics showing that in Massachusetts, where the plan outlined by him is pursued, the average assessed value of railroads is \$1405 per mile, while in Mississippi it is only \$130 per mile. Passing on to the subject of immigration, Judge Truly declared himself to be unalterably opposed to the introduction of Italian labor in Mississippi. He said that if we could secure intelligent, trustworthy, industrious men and women, he would welcome them with open arms, but that he deemed the poorer class of foreigners undesirable, as, in his opinion, they made anything but good citizens.

Cumberland Will Refund Money.

Laurel, Miss., Jan. 21.—The Cumberland Telephone Company has just agreed to pay all subscribers the double rebate for overcharge provided for by statute. The company has been rebating the single overcharge to its subscribers during the present month. Inasmuch as the war on the company had its inception in Laurel, and the trouble in Meridian, Hattiesburg and Newton followed, it is assumed that where overcharges are claimed in other Mississippi towns the double rebate will be insisted upon also.

Mr. S. S. Halrston, who is now farming down in the Delta at Dunleith, Miss., spent several days of the past week in this city and county mingling with his old friends.

Mrs. W. E. Waring and children have returned from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Birmingham, Alabama.

WILL ERECT A SIX-STORY STRUCTURE

WAS DECIDED BY COLUMBUS INSURANCE & BANKING COMPANY AT A MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT.

Will Begin Work at An Early Date and it is Hoped to Have the Building Completed About September First Next.

At a meeting of the directors of the Columbus Insurance and Banking Company which was held last Tuesday night, it was definitely decided that the new building which the bank is to erect will be six stories in height. The bank has outgrown its present quarters, and it has been long apparent that a new building would be necessary, but the directors could not quite agree on the proportions of the contemplated structure. While the majority were of the opinion that a sky-scraper should be built, there were some who contended that a smaller building would answer all requirements.

Mr. R. H. Hunt, who some time ago was retained as official architect, was commissioned to prepare two sets of plans, one for a six-story and the other for a two-story structure. These plans were presented at the meeting which was held last Tuesday night, and after a full and free discussion the directors decided in favor of the larger building.

The gentlemen composing the directorate of the bank are to be congratulated upon the wisdom and enterprise displayed by them in deciding to erect a handsome and imposing structure. The Columbus Insurance and Banking Company is one of the oldest, as well as one of the largest, banking institutions in the State, and should have a building which will not only fully meet the requirements of its ever increasing business, but which will be commensurate with the prominent position which it occupies in financial circles.

The new building, which, as above stated, will be six stories in height, will be constructed of brick and stone and will be equipped with steam heat, electric lights, elevators, and all modern conveniences. The building will have a frontage of fifty-five feet on Main street, occupying the lot on which the present building is located, and the adjoining lot on the east, where Johnson's jewelry store now stands. The entire lower floor will be devoted to banking purposes, and the quarters will be as large and as commodious as those of any banking house in the State. Architect Hunt has prepared his plans with the view of securing all needed light and ventilation, and the sanitary arrangement of the building will be perfect. It will be in every respect a modern structure, and will reflect credit not only upon the bank, but upon the city of Columbus as well.

The building committee selected by the board of directors consists of President T. B. Franklin, Vice-President B. A. Weaver and Mr. T. O. Burris, three gentlemen well known for their enterprise, as well as for their business acumen, and with the project in their hands the stockholders in the bank and the people of Columbus know that the best possible results will be obtained. They feel confident that not only will the building be constructed strictly in accordance with plans and specifications, but that the finances will be carefully guarded, and not one cent of money needlessly expended. The work on the building, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000, will begin about the first of April, and it is hoped to have the structure completed by the first of October.

A very badly needed improvement has been made by the Southern Railway in its ticket office at the depot. For some time the quarters of Mr. W. A. Suber, the clever ticket agent, have not been large enough to give him sufficient room in which to easily perform his duties. The office has now been enlarged and other needed repairs made.

Hon. T. B. Franklin, president of the Columbus Insurance and Banking Company, left on Thursday for Memphis, where he goes to visit his daughter, Mrs. Pratt.

Mrs. Julia Meek Gerety left last week for Jasper, Ala., where she goes to accept a position as stenographer in the office of Judge Ways.

What About This?

With a company representing a \$500,000 investment erecting a \$100,000 plant in Columbus, giving employment to two hundred men, increasing the population one thousand;

With a \$40,000 Federal building assured;
With a sky-scraper for the Columbus Insurance and Banking Company;
With a new \$20,000 school house;
With \$40,000 additional municipal improvements;
With a new and modern hotel assured;
With a large additional investment upon the part of the Street Railway Company;
With a round-house, enlarged shops, and increased force of high-priced mechanics at the Southern;
With the First State Bank considering a new building;
With other enterprises projected, don't you think it is about time to buy?

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